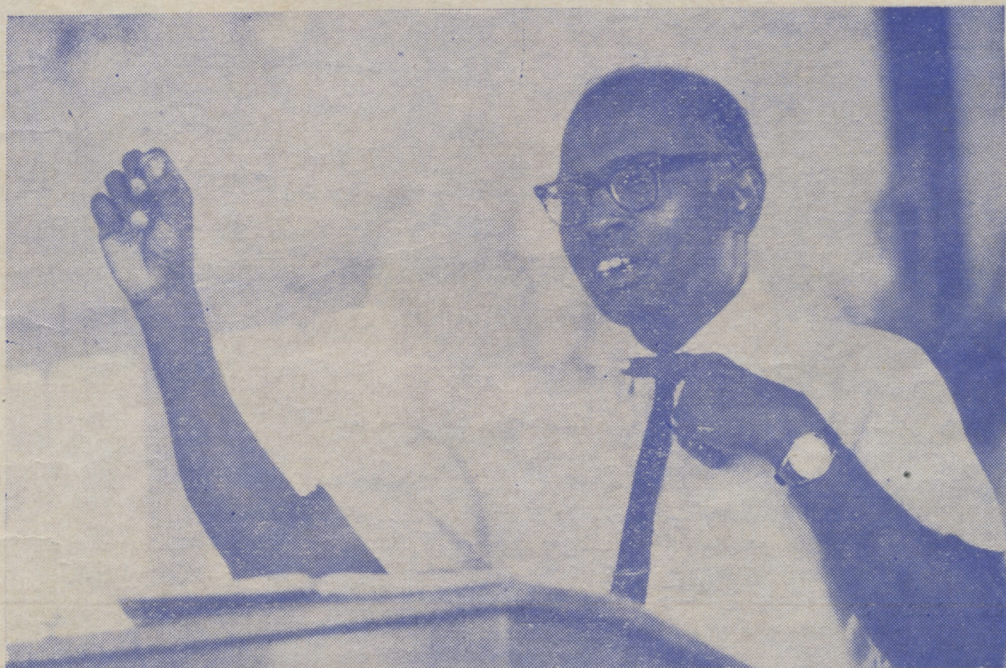


FIFTEEN YEARS
CHRISTIAN WORK
IN
THAILAND
1959--1974



BY
Rev. and Mrs. J. T. Paul Manickam

*Bible Teachers and Fraternal Workers in the
Church of Christ in Thailand*

From the

Church of South India

Dobson write-up
1944 → by Mrs. Sophia Bradley McGilvray
Thailand Theological ^{Am. Presb. Mission}
Seminary (TTS)

Rev. Prasant
Francis Seely

1965 - campus houses ... dorm ... men's

houses Koyama family

-- later other houses -- Dr. Hansons --

Dr. Guyer --

Taylor Potter

Carlson -- Hamblins

Seminary: by 1965
Pre-war: President
Post-war: President
Payap U.:

CSTC ← develop. by Marburger Mission



Separate campus in "Pa Kluey"
next to McKim Lep. Inst.

to provide bi-vocational pastors
w/ basic theol. ed. to pastor small rural churches

Lay Training Institute - Summer Courses
for Lay leaders / elders in churches

PREPARATION FOR THE WORK

12 January 1958 : Rev. and Mrs. Manickam were commissioned as fraternal workers.

Rev. Paul Manickam Visited 111 Centres of the 13 dioceses of the CSI, and held 189 meetings, sold about 7,000 prayer cards. Mr. Manickam visited Buddha Gaya and Saranath related to Buddhism, the State religion of Thailand. Manickams began study of Thai language with Mr. and Mrs. Somchart, a Thai Couple, who were at U. T. C. Bangalore for YMCA training.

FIRST TERM OF SERVICE AT NAN

(1959 - 1962)

14 April 1959 : The Missionary family reached in Bangkok, Thailand.

1 June 1959 : Manickams with their daughters arrived in Nan.

Life and work at Nan :

1. Language study with the Local Teachers,
2. Village Evangelistic work and Pastoral care of the Rural Churches. Traveling conditions very bad.
3. Bible teaching programmes in other places than Nan, on invitation.
4. Bible teaching ministry for Nan Council through monthly issues.
5. Special invitation to teach at the Laymen's Institute, part of the Thailand Theological Seminary, Chiangmai - for a period of three months,

8 May 1962 : Manickams left Thailand on their first furlough.

FIRST FURLOUGH IN INDIA

(May 1962 - January 1963)

Rev. and Mrs. Manickam visited 87 centres in 13 dioceses, spent, 135 days in deputation work, held meetings 234 times.

SECOND TERM OF SERVICE

(January 1963 – March 1967)

Stationed at Chiangmai.

Mr. Manickam's main Responsibilities :

1. Pastor of McKean Leprosy Church.
2. Pastor of 10 Leprosy Churches in Chiangmai Province.
3. Teacher at the Christian Service Training Centre, part of the Seminary work.
4. Started pioneering Evangelistic work at Ban Muang. Eight adults baptised and a thatched prayer - house erected.
5. Leading Revival and Evangelistic meetings in various Christian schools.
6. Published monthly Bible Study notes for the Chiangmai council.
7. Led Bible Study programmes at various Councils and churches on invitation.

Mrs. Manickam's Special Work :

1. Leading Women's Work at McKean Leprosy Church, and other Rural Leprosy Churches.
2. Distribution of gift articles and old clothes to Leprosy Churches.
3. Teaching Children at Ban Muang.

SECOND FURLOUGH TO INDIA

(April 1967 — March 1968)

Rev. Paul Manickam Visited 68 places in 10 dioceses, held 181 meetings in 87 days. Mrs. Manickam also visited a few places. Because of Mr Manickam's illness for about 3 months, he could not visit other dioceses.

THIRD TERM OF SERVICE

(April 1968—May 1974)

Stationed at Chiangmai.

Rev. Manickam's Special Responsibilities.

1. Teacher at the Christian Service Training Centre. (1968-1971).
2. Head of the Laymen's Institute, part of the Seminary Programme, only 6 weeks in a year. Had the task of training young girls and boys in Bible Study, Village Church and Rural Evangelism. (1968-1973).

3. Visiting Pastor of the Rural Leprosy Churches in Chiangmai Province.

4. **C. S. I. Special Evangelistic Field at Ban Muang.**

This work was started in 1963, and 8 adults were baptised by the end of the same year. This work was specially intensified from 1969. Weekly visits and teaching programme were done by Manickams. In 1970 Mr. Manickam led the whole Laymen's Institute for special house-visit programme at Ban Muang. The Lord blessed this work and 23 adults were baptised in the same year. The old prayerhouse was small for this new congregation. By the guidance and help of the Lord, a piece of land was bought and a new church was built at an expense of about Rs. 12,000/- and was dedicated by the Moderator of the church of Christ in Thailand, in September 1971. Ten more adults were baptised on that day. 27 children were baptised on the next Sunday.



Ban Muang New Church

This Work is carried on with full vigour and spirit, and a special evangelist is working there. Many more are receiving the Lord through Baptism. At the same time there are problems, oppositions and lots of difficulties to carry on this work.

5. **Bible Teaching Programme. Directly and through Literature.**

Mr. Manickam is invited to lead Bible Studies in Various Churches and groups

from all over Thailand, and Thai Christians are greatly interested in the Study of the word of God. Mr. Manickam writes books in Thai which help in church growth and Evangelism.

The Titles of the Books in Thai are as follows :-

- i 100 Sermons (1966)
- ii Changed into His Likeness (1970)
(Translated into Laos also)
- iii Christ for Thailand (1973)
- iv Changed into His Likeness. 2nd Print (1974)
- v Woe unto Me.....If? (1974)
- vi C.S.I. Liturgy translated into Thai and has been used in various occasions.

Besides these books, Bible Study notes were written by Mr. Manickam in several occasions, and mimeographed copies were distributed to hundreds of peoples.

6. LAMP OF THAILAND

BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE COURSE, AN EVANGELISTIC PROGRAMME BY THE
CHURCH OF CHRIST IN THAILAND.

Brief History : The General Assembly of the Church of Christ in Thailand that met in December, 1970, approved the policy that was proposed by Mr. Manickam, to double the membership of the Whole Church in four years, and to use all possible means and methods to reach the goal. One of the programmes accepted by the Assembly was the commencement of a Bible Correspondence Course. This task was entrusted to a Working Committee, headed by Mr. Manickam.

The Working Committee laboured for more than eight months, and finally the course was commenced in a Solemn function on the 9th January, 1972. The course was given the name 'Lamp of Thailand', and its aim is to spread the Word of Light throughout Thailand.



Emblem of the Lamp

By the grace of God the work progressed rapidly, that the membership reached more than 2,500 in six months. Hence the Executive Committee of the Church of Christ in Thailand that met in October, 1972 installed the 'Lamp' as one of the Major Departments of the C. C. T., and appointed a Governing Council thereby. Rev. Paul Manickam was appointed as the Director of the whole programme.

Details of the Course:

Brochure of the Lamp : An attractive red-coloured Brochure of about 50 pages has been prepared by the Lamp, and is distributed to all the students along with the 5th lesson of the 1st Level. This book briefly describes the purpose and the method of taking the course, contains the curriculum, states the brief Old Testament history in chronological order, tells the story of Lord Jesus Christ from different Gospel writings on tabulated columns under various topics, gives the life and work of St. Paul with chronology and attaches a few maps helpful to a study of the Word of God.

Curriculum of the Lamp : The Lamp gives forth Eight different Kinds of Light, which are its various Levels. Each Level has 15 Lessons, and hence there are 120 lessons in all.

All the lessons were written by Rev. Paul Manickam in Thai, (not translations). They are of equal length having 6 pages each. The first four pages contain the lesson and the remaining two pages have varieties of interesting questions. The student should find the answers both from the respective lessons and from the Bible, Without searching the Scriptures one's answer cannot be complete. The corrector of the answer papers gives grades in four grades : Excellent (All correct), Good (Few mistakes), Fair (More mistakes) And Repeat (Few correct). Students in the last level will receive a copy of the correct answers which he should copy out.

The Details of the Curriculum are given below :

The Eight Levels are as follows :

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| 1. Candle Light. | 5. Golden Shine. |
| 2. Star Light. | 6. Rising Sun. |
| 3. Moon Light. | 7. Sun Light. |
| 4. Silver Shine. | 8. Spark Light. |

Each Level has 15 lessons, as follows :

I Candle Light—The Good News.

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| 1. God. (Part 1) | 9. Meaning of Baptism. |
| 2. God. (Part 2) | 10. New Fellowship. |
| 3. Man. (Part 1) | 11. Word of God. |
| 4. Man (Part 2) | 12. Prayer Life. |
| 5. Man rebels against God. | 13. Obedience to God. |
| 6. Can Man reconcile with God? | 14. Forgive each other. |
| 7. Christ seeks man. | 15. Bear one another's Burdens. |
| 8. Reconciliation through Jesus Christ. | |

II Star Light (1—7, O. T. Lessons, 8—15 N T. Lessons.)

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| 1. What is Bible? | 8. Introduction to N.T. |
| 2. Introduction to O.T. | 9. Synoptic Gospels. |
| 3. Pentateuch. | 10. Gospel of John. |
| 4. Historical Books, | 11. Acts of the Apostles. |
| 5. Poetical Books. | 12. Life of Paul. |
| 6. Major Prophets. | 13. Epistles of Paul. |
| 7. Minor Prophets. | 14. Eight other Epistles. |
| | 15. Revelations. |

III Moon Light. (1—7, O.T. Lessons, 8—15 N.T. Lessons.)

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| 1. The First Things, | 8. Luke's Gospel. |
| 2. Abraham, Father of Faith. | 9. Luke's Portrait of Jesus. |
| 3. Isaac and Jacob. | 10. Parables of Christ. |
| 4. Life of Joseph. | 11. Parables in Luke. |
| 5. Psalms-Introduction. | 12. Parables on The Kingdom. |
| 6. Psalms 1, 8, 23. | 13. Galatians. |
| 7. Jonah. | 14. Marys, |
| | 15. Meaning of Christmas. |

IV Silver Shine, (1—7, O.T. Lessons, 8—15 N.T. Lessons.)

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| 1. Moses. | 8. Sermon on the Mount. |
| 2. Voice from Burning Bush. | 9. John, whom Jesus loved. |
| 3. Crisis at the Red Sea. | 10. Signs of Christ. |
| 4. Voice from Sinai. | 11. Meeting with Christ. |
| | (Nicodemus, Samaritan Woman) |
| 5. Jewish Sacrifices. | 12. Triumphal Entry, Cleansing of the Temple. |
| 6. Jewish Festivals. | 13. Passion, Crucifixion. |
| 7. Psalms 46, 51, 67 | 14. Christ is Risen. |
| | 15. Go and Preach the Gospel. |

V Golden Shine. (1—7, O.T. Lessons, 8—15 N.T. Lessons.)

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| 1. Joshua. | 8. Romans (1) |
| 2. Judges. (Deborah, Gideon, Samson) | 9. Romans (2) |
| 3. Ruth. | 10. Corinthians. |
| 4. Samuel. | 11. Ephesians. |
| 5. Saul. | 12. Philippians. |
| 6. David. | 13. Holy Spirit. |

7. Psalms 91, 103, 133.

14. Holy Spirit & Christ.

15. Holy Spirit in the Church.

VI. Rising Sun. (1—7, O. T. Lessons, 8—15 N.T. Lessons.)

1. Solomon.

8. Colossians.

2. Rise & Fall of N. Kingdom.

9. Thessalonians.

3. Rise & Fall of Judah.

10. Hebrews (1)

4. Voice of God through
Prophets.

11. Hebrews. (2)

5. Amos.

12. Stephen and Philip.

6. Hosea.

13. Timothy.

7. Isaiah.

14. Titus.

15. Onesimus.

VII. Sun Light. (1—7, O. T. Lessons, 8—15 N.T. Lessons)

1. Jeremiah.

8. Epistle of James.

2. Ezekiel.

9. Peter.

3. Daniel.

10. Peter filled with Spirit.

4. Haggai.

11. Epistles of Peter.

5. Job (1)

12. Epistles of John.

6. Job (2)

13. Seven Churches in Asia.

7. Ezra and Nehemiah.

14. Lord's Prayer.

15. Meaning of Lord's Supper.

VIII. Spark Light.

Lessons on Simple Theology.

1. Revelation of God.

8. Ministries in the Church.

2. Who is Christ?

9. The Call of God.

3. Two Natures in Christ.

10. Discipleship.

4. Christ shall come again.

11. Faith, Grace and Love.

5. The Lord's Day.

12. Holy Life.

6. Holy Trinity.
7. The Church.
13. Being Witness to the Lord.
14. Stewardship.
15. True Worship.

Bible Sales at reduced Price : Since it is necessary for all students to use their Bibles to study the Word of God, many cannot afford to buy at the full price, the Lamp offers to sell copies of the Old and New Testaments at the price they can afford. Therefore, the Lamp needs a large subsidy to run this Programme. Free-will gifts are welcome from the children of God to aid this good cause.



Bishop Stephen Neill's Visit.

Certificates : The Lamp prepared Certificates for successful completion of each level. Altogether there are eight certificates. Each one is beautiful and attractive in its own way, but the final one will be the best in every respect.

The Lamp teaches the Word of Truth: The Lamp believes that the Word of God was written by men who were inspired by the spirit of God. All Scriptures inspired by God, and can profitably used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding peoples' lives and teaching them to be holy. (2 Tim 3:16) Hence, the Lamp teaches the Word of God with all sincerity, not alone to acquire knowledge, but to create new life in the students, to increase their faith in the Lord and to dedicate their lives for the service of their Saviour.

The Lamp has an Evangelistic Program : Spreading the Word of God is a great Evangelistic task. The Lamp enters into homes, several institutes and numerous churches, and above all into the hearts of many people for the first time. Many Christian schools arrange to have annual Evangelistic program when several non-Christian students decide to accept the Lord. But there is no proper follow-up, and they are lost. Lamp is able to help them. Many Christian friends introduce the Lamp to their non-Christian friends, and they come to know the Light. The Lamp receives numerous personal letters seeking help to solve peoples' problems in day-to-day life or explanation of many things that they do not understand from the Bible. The Lamp sends personal letters helping them to find the answer in Christ. The Lamp sends Test-cards to each one who reaches the last lesson of each Level to discern their interest and results. These cards reveal that numerous students are really helped to know the Word of God better, and ready to accept Him.



Small boys are much interested to study the Word of God through the Lamp.

The following Statistics reveal many interesting points towards the rapid growth of the Lamp :

1. Males 3,260, Women 3,718 - Total 6978.
2. Oldest in age 73 years. Youngest in age 7 years.
3. Christians 3774 Buddhists 2,862 Others 23.
4. Chiangmai Province 2,585 Other provinces 3,393.

5. Students 4,733. Farmers 889, Other vocations 1,356 (Other vocations include Ordained ministers, Pastors, Teachers, Doctors, Advocates and others. An interesting note is that 9 Buddhist monks also take our course)
6. Number of our students who have obtained certificates:

First Level	1,514
Second Level	687
Third Level	421
Fourth Level	306
Fifth Level	263
Sixth Level	148
Seventh Level	98
Eighth Level	22
7. At present the Lamp receives about 200 answer papers for **ONE DAY**. Ten-manned present staff of the Lamp office is not able to complete the work of the day.
8. About 50 are doing our course from Laos. Thai and Laos languages are closely related. However, the Church of Christ in Laos has made arrangements to translate our lessons into Laos, and we look forward to have a Branch of the Lamp in Laos next year.

The New Office of the Lamp, a Gift of God: The Lamp was lit on the 9th January, 1973, then the office of the Lamp was in the campus of the Chrirtian Service Training Centre about 8 k.m. from the Town Chiangmai. The work was done by the Director and his single assistant, The work grew rapidly, the number of Staff and the amount of meterials thereby too. The space for the office work was too limited, We had no money to buy or build or rent a spacious house We prayed to the Lord. The Lord answered our prayers wonderfully, far better than what we expected He provided the present large house and the spacious land around it (in the town, Chiangmai) as a property of the Lamp.

SPECIAL EVENTS IN MANICKAM'S FAMILY IN THESE 15 YEARS

1. Manickams went to Thailand with three daughters. But three sons were born in Thailand in the years 1960, 1964 and 1965 respectively.
2. Mr. Manickam's Parents visited their Son's family and work in Thailand in 1964
3. Mr. Maniekum's mother died in August 1969.
4. Manickam's Eldest daughter Dorothy married in December, 1970.

5. Mr. Manickam's Father Visited his son's family and work in Thailand in 1971.
6. Mrs. Manickam's mother died on 31 July, 1972.
7. Manickam's eldest Daughter Dorothy died on 14 October, 1972 at her first confinement.

PRIVATE VISITORS FROM THE C. S. I. TO MANICKAMS FAMILY AND WORK, IN ALL THESE 15 YEARS

1. Bishop and Mrs. Hollis Visited Manickams in Nan—May, 1960.
2. Dr. S. P. Raju of Medak Diocese Visited Manickams in Chiangmai-July 1963
3. Mr. A. Gunamony and Rev. H.D.L. Abraham-March 1964.
4. Sister E.P. Morgan of V.B.S.-June 1965.
5. Bishop I. R. H. Gnanadason of Kanyakumari Diocese—November 1966.
6. Sister Grace Aaron—August 1970.

May I conclude this short report with the words taught by our Lord: We are unworthy Servants, we have only done what was our duty" — LK 17:10.

"Worthy art Thou, our Lord and God To receive glory and honour and power, for Thou didst create all things, and by Thy will they existed and were created".

— Rev. 4 : 11.

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